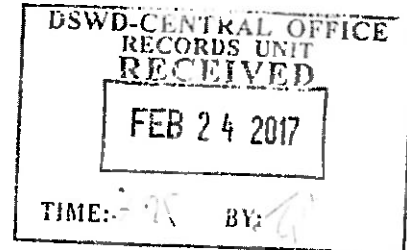




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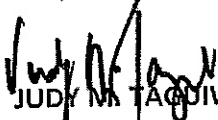
Dear Chairperson Villanueva:

This refers to Senate Bill No. 968 or "An Act Establishing Social Welfare Attaches and For Other Purposes" filed by the Chairperson.

While we appreciate the recognition accorded by the Committee to the contribution of our Social Welfare Attaches in promoting and protecting the rights of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), may we seek your indulgence to allow us to complete the Special Assessment of DSWD International Social Service Offices in Foreign Posts before we submit our official position paper. The conduct of the said assessment will commence in March 2017 and will be completed by end of June 2017 in time for the opening of the 2nd Regular Session of the 17th Congress. The same was relayed by Assistant Secretary Hope V. Hervilla, as DSWD representative, during the Committee's Public Hearing last 01 February 2017.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JUDY M. TAGUIWALO
Secretary